

# Blue Earth County Well Sealing



#### Clean Water Funds: 2013

Clean Water Grant	\$30,000
Leveraged Funds*	\$30,000
Total Project Budget	\$60,000

<sup>\*</sup> Leveraged Funds include

## **Targeted Water**: Groundwater

**Project Sponsor**: Blue Earth County

#### **Grant Period:**

January 2013—December 2015

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### **Project Narrative**

The goal of this project is to reduce the number of vulnerable unused wells located within sensitive areas and to prevent potential groundwater contamination. Most Minnesotans rely on groundwater as their primary source of drinking water. Unused and improperly sealed wells can serve as an open conduit to groundwater aquifers, allowing surface water runoff, contaminated water or improperly disposed waste to reach an uncontaminated aquifer. Properly sealing unused and improperly sealed wells is a preventive practice that protects groundwater aquifers from contamination. This project will expand Blue Earth County's long standing, locally-funded well sealing cost share program and allow for improved targeting efforts.



## **Proposed Outcomes:**

This project will protect groundwater by sealing up to 85 unused wells.

#### **Actual Outcomes:**

Project in Progress